

Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee Amendment No. 1

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by amending the amendatory language of Section 1 by deleting (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(a)(1) The special advisory commission on mandated health insurance benefits is hereby established to advise the governor and the general assembly on the medical, social and financial impact of proposed mandated health insurance benefits in the manner set forth in this part. The special advisory commission shall be comprised of seventeen (17) members and two (2) ex officio members. Eleven (11) members shall be appointed by the governor as follows: One (1) physician licensed under Title 63, selected from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee Medical Association; one (1) expert in the field of medical ethics; one (1) chief executive officer or administrator of a general acute care hospital, selected from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee Hospital Association; one (1) representative of small business, selected from a list of three (3) names submitted by the National Federation of Independent Business; one (1) representative of major industry, selected from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee Association of Business; two (2) representatives of employees, selected from two lists of three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee AFL-CIO Labor Council; two (2) representatives of the accident and health insurance industry, and two (2) health care consumers. All members appointed by the governor shall not serve on any other state health-related board or agency simultaneously and shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years each, except that an appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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(2) The lieutenant governor shall appoint one (1) member from the senate commerce, labor and agriculture committee, one (1) member from the senate general welfare committee, and one (1) member from the senators serving on the TennCare oversight committee. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one (1) member from the house of representatives commerce committee, one (1) member from the house of representatives health and human resources committee; and one (1) member from the representatives serving on the TennCare oversight committee.

(3) The commissioner of health and the commissioner of commerce and insurance, or their designees, shall serve as ex officio, non-voting members.

(4) The special advisory commission in the consultation with the commissioner of health and commissioner of commerce and insurance shall appoint an advisory committee of non-voting members to provide information and/or technical assistance, including, without limitation, medical and/or insurance information or assistance. Such advisory committee shall include, among others, at least, one (1) allied health professional, one (1) person engaged in the market of health insurance products chosen from three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee Association of Life Underwriters, and the executive director of the TennCare oversight committee. The advisory committee may also have members appointed for limited duration solely because of their expertise on a particular subject before the commission.

AND FURTHER AMEND the amendatory language of Section 1 by deleting from subsection (c) of the first new section, the word "September" and inserting in lieu thereof "July".

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AND FURTHER AMEND the amendatory language creating the second new section of Section 1 by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting the following:

Use data and information made available by the departments of commerce and insurance and health and the division of TennCare in the department of health as needed to assess the impact of mandated health insurance benefits, including costs to employers and insurers, impact of treatment, cost savings in the health care system, number of providers and other data as may be appropriate.

AND FURTHER AMEND the amendatory language creating the second newly designated section of Section 1 by deleting subsection (f) and inserting in lieu thereof:

Report annually and upon request on its activities to the standing committees of the general assembly having jurisdiction over insurance by January 1 of each year.

AND FURTHER AMEND the amendatory language creating the fourth newly designated section of Section 1 by deleting from subsection (a) the phrase "twenty-four (24) months" and inserting in lieu thereof "twelve (12) months".

AND FURTHER AMEND the amendatory language creating the fourth newly designated section of Section 1 by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety.

AND FURTHER AMEND the amendatory language creating the fifth newly designated section of Section 1 by deleting it in its entirety and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

The department of commerce and insurance shall provide staff assistance to the special advisory commission.

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AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 3 in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law for purposes of the appointments required under Section 1. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect on June 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.

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